

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for creating a string of popped seeds, comprising a plurality of unpopped seeds strung on a string.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the seeds comprise a plurality of corn seeds.
3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the plurality corn seeds are spaced at least about 1/8 inch apart on the string.
4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the corn seeds are spaced no greater than about 1¼ inches apart on the string.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a microwavable package containing the string and the seeds.
6. The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising grease arranged in the microwavable package for facilitating popping of seeds.
7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the seeds comprise a plurality of corn seeds, and wherein the string is arranged in a predetermined organized manner.
8. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising at least one retainer securing the string and the corn seeds to the microwavable package.
9. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprises a sealant encapsulating the seeds and the string to prevent loss of moisture from the seeds.
10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the sealant comprises a wax.
11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of seeds have a predetermined water content suitable to facilitate popping, such that when heat is applied to the plurality of seeds, the seeds pop and form popped kernels.

12. A method for making a string of seeds capable of popping, comprising:  
stringing a plurality of unpopped seeds on a string; and  
spacing the seeds on the string to enable popping of the unpopped seeds.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the stringing is done through a germ portion of the seeds.
14. The method of claim 12 wherein the seeds are corn seeds.
15. The method of claim 14 wherein the spacing comprises separating the seeds between about 1/8 inch and about 1 1/4 inch apart on the string.
16. The method of claim 12, further comprising packaging the seeds in a microwavable package with grease arranged therein suitable for facilitating popping of the seeds when heated.
17. The method of claim 16, further comprising retaining the string to the package at selected locations to facilitate contact between the grease and the seeds when heat is applied and seeds start to pop in random manner.
18. The method of claim 16, further comprising retaining the string to the package in an organized manner such that when the seeds are popped due to heat application, the popped seeds are organized for a predetermined removal from the package.
19. The method of claim 16, wherein the seeds are corn seeds, further comprising maintaining the moisture content of the corn seeds at or near optimal popping moisture content to facilitate later popping of substantially all of the corn seeds when heat is applied.
20. The method of claim 19, further comprising arranging a plurality of unstrung corn seeds in the microwavable package in addition to the strung corn seeds.
21. The method of claim 12, wherein said stringing includes forming a hole in the seeds, further comprising sealing the hole in the seeds to prevent moisture loss from the seeds.

22. The method of claim 12, further comprising soaking the seeds with a liquid to soften the seeds prior to the stringing step.

23. The method of claim 19, further comprising drying the seeds to a predetermined average moisture content in the seeds suitable for enabling popping of the seeds.

24. The method of claim 12 wherein the stringing comprises piercing through a corn seed with need having the string attached thereto.

25. A method for creating a string of popped seeds, the method comprising: placing a plurality of seeds strung on a string into a heating device; and heating the plurality of seeds strung on a string to pop the seeds with the heating device.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein said heat comprises microwaving a package having a susceptor foil for converting microwave energy into heat.

27. The method of claim 26, further comprising removing the string of seeds from the package by breaking a plurality of retainers securing the string to the package.

28. The method of claim 25, further comprising arranging the string of seed after popping on a Christmas tree.